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REMARKS

The title is being amended to be more descriptive as required by paragraph 1 of the action.

Regarding paragraph 3 of the action, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 2 as amended do not contain any means clauses. They are written in Jepson format, and require the elements and limitations of the preamble and body, of which there are several. The claims are for a stabilizer system of a vehicle that has extendable stabilizer legs. The claims require the system to include controls that can be actuated to automatically adjust the extension of the stabilizer legs to place the vehicle in a desired orientation that is different from the parked orientation of the vehicle. The claims also require the system to include controls that, once the vehicle is in the desired orientation, can be operated to automatically adjust the extension of the stabilizer legs to maintain the desired orientation of the vehicle as the vehicle is being elevated to a desired elevation. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claim 3 should be withdrawn in view of these amendments.

The rejection of paragraph 5 is respectfully traversed. Inoue discloses a synchronous lifting system, which is admittedly old in the art. Such systems are used for lifting buildings, bridges or other structures that are found in a certain orientation if work is to be performed under the structure or if the structure is to be moved. In these cases, the structure is jacked up synchronously so as to maintain its original orientation to avoid damage to the structure or surrounding structures.

In the present invention, for example an off road construction vehicle, the vehicle will typically be parked on uneven terrain, and will not be in the desired orientation when parked. In a system of the invention, a user can actuate the controls to automatically adjust the jacks to bring the vehicle into the desired orientation. Thereafter, the user can actuate the controls to lift the vehicle to a desired elevation. During this operation, the system automatically adjusts the jacks to maintain the desired orientation of the vehicle while the vehicle is being lifted.

These differences from Inoue are substantial and not disclosed or suggested by the prior art of record. Allowance of the claims as amended is therefore respectfully requested.

No additional fees for filing this paper are believed to be due since October 8, 2005 fell on a Saturday and October 10, 2005 was a federal holiday. However, the Commissioner is

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hereby authorized to charge any additional fees due or to credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Franzini". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

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